

Children's Department.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Between the long vacation
And the Christmas holidays
Comes in the bright Thanksgiving,
When our ringing cheers we raise.
In the frosty, tingling weather,
With sheaves in barn and bin,
We haste to see the fellows
Their latest victory win.

Pell-mell by train and steamer
The merry people throng,
By the onward strength of thousands
The crowd is swept along.
The girls with tell-tale ribbons,
And perhaps a tell-tale blush,
No whit behind their brothers,
Are mingling in the rush.

Dear grandmamas and aunties,
With a softly fluttering sigh,
Lament the old Thanksgiving
As the new comes thundering by;
Then to the home's fair Mecca
The scattered tribes returned,
And told the year's long story
Where the great hearth fire burned.

But though we keep Thanksgiving
In the new athletic way,
We are much like famished pilgrims
When the sunset skies are gray.
By clans the kinsfolk gather
In many a hungry horde,
And we finish our Thanksgiving
At the happy family board.

—Margaret E. Sangster, in *Harper's Young People*.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Dear Boys and Girls:—We have received a good number of letters, and they have been well written. We encourage you to keep on in this work. Following are some questions which those who wish to may answer. Please send your answers before December 13th. 1. Name the books of the Bible that have but one chapter. 2. Of whom was it said, "He walked with God." 3. How many Psalms are there? 4. In what town did Jesus live when a child?

Following is a list of names of those who have sent us ten cents for the purpose of sending papers and tracts to the Chicago Mission. Several have sent more than ten cents. We want you to feel that we appreciate what you have done very much. Are there not others who will reply also? Every one of our little readers ought to be able to send so small an amount. Who will answer next? Will every boy or girl try to help us? The first dime we received was from the little boy whose name comes first on the list.

	CENTS.
Arthur Rittenhouse, Ashland, O.,	10
Edna Welty, Ashland, Ohio,	10
Emerson Gnagey, Ashland, Ohio,	10
Ethel Flora, Roann, Ind.,	20
Hazel Schrock, Goshen, Ind.,	10
May Cassell, Philadelphia, Pa.,	10

Mattie Little, Flora, Ind.,	10
Madge Woodhead, McLouth, Kan.,	10
Byron Lewis, Tiosa, Ind.,	10
Tommy A. Kyler, Martinsburg, Pa.,	20
Eddie Clum, Galesburg, Kan.,	10
Ray Clum, " "	10
Florence Puterbaugh, Lanark, Ill.,	10
Brice Puterbaugh, " "	10
Iva J. Lichty, " "	10
Clye Deaver, Sabetha, Kan.,	10
Bert R. Hoover, Waterloo, Iowa,	10
Bertha O. Hemsworth, Waterloo, Ia.,	10
Minnie Fahrney, Downsville, Md.,	10
Grace Long, " "	10
Guy M. Long, " "	10
Earl D. Long, " "	10
Total,	\$2.40

Dear Editor:—I will write my first letter for the EVANGELIST. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren Church. Our Sunday-school is getting along nicely. My teacher's name is Emma Houser. She is a very good teacher. Our pastor is I. N. Miller.

I will close by asking a question. What is the shortest verse in the Bible, and where is it found?
MAUDE MARKS.

Lapaz, Ind.

Dear Editor:—I am in school to-day. We have a very large school. My pastor's name is I. N. Miller. Our King's Children Society is getting along nicely. We have fifty members. Sister Manda Walter is our president. I must close for this time. I hope to see more letters in these columns. I will ask a question. How old was Noah at the time of his death?

MAUDE BURGER.

Lapaz, Ind.

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Department. I attend school every day and go to Sunday-school on Sunday. I like to go very well. I went to the State Conference at Loree with my papa and mamma. I enjoyed it.

I see in the Children's Department that our editor would like to have two hundred children send ten cents each so that they can send ten copies of the EVANGELIST and some tracts to Brother McFaden at Chicago. I will send twenty cents to help. Let us all help Brother McFaden to save souls for Christ. We do not know how many little children he may make happy by saving their papas and mammas. If the parents are good they will try to have their children grow up to be good men and women. I hope all the children will send ten cents. I am seven years old.

ETHEL FLORA.

Roann, Ind.

(Ethel, who is but seven years old, has written an excellent letter. We thank you ever so much for the amount you have sent to help the Chicago Mission. We would be pleased to have you write often for our department.—ED.)

Dear Editor:—Mamma has been reading the paper to us this evening. We are glad you have given us children an opportunity to help the work along. Enclosed find twenty cents for brother and I. We both are members of the Brethren Church, and would like to join the K. C. if there was a society here.

It was Paul who said, "I have fought a good

fight; I have kept the faith." Jesus was thirty years old when he began his public ministry.

EDDIE CLUM.

RAY CLUM.

Galesburg, Kan.

(Thank you, for what you have given toward the cause. We are glad to learn that you are members of the church. We hope you may be able to join a K. C. society soon. The answers to questions you have given are correct.—ED.)

Dear Editor:—As I have not written a letter for some time, I will now write a few lines. I am staying with my grandma Heeter this winter in Akron. I go to school every day. We have a very nice school-house with eight rooms in it. It is heated by a furnace. Akron is a nice little town. My home is at Leiter's Ford. My papa is night operator there. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. The Apostle Paul said, "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith."

MAGGIE M. RALSTON.

Akron, Ind.

(You have written a very nice letter. You should enjoy going to school where you are. If your grandma is like most grandmas are, you surely have a very pleasant time. You have answered the question correctly.—ED.)

Dear Editor:—Enclosed find ten cents which I send for the Chicago Mission. I was sorry to hear of Brother McFaden's accident. I hope he will soon recover. I am a member of the Junior C. E. I attend Sunday-school twice every Sunday. I read the book of Romans last week. I am nine years old.

G. MADGE WOODHEAD.

McLouth, Kan.

(You have done something profitable by reading the book of Romans. The Bible is the best book one can read. Accept our thanks for the ten cents.—ED.)

Dear Editor:—I will give ten cents for the Mission work. I hope Brother McFaden will have good success. We were sorry to hear of his accident. The Junior K. C. is going to have a Missionary entertainment for the purpose of raising Missionary money, next Friday evening. My Aunt Emma Lichty has charge of the Juniors. I will try to answer two questions. It was said of Jesus, "He grew in favor with God and man." It was Paul who said, "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith."

I will close by asking a question. How old was Jesus when he was baptized?

IVA J. LICHTY.

Lanark, Ill.

(You have answered the questions correctly. We thank you for what you have given.—ED.)

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST. I am seven years old. I have two brothers and three sisters. We all go to Sabbath-school. I go to school, and have a good teacher. She is a good Christian and teaches us to love one another. Papa and mamma are members of the Brethren Church.

ALBERT HILDERBRAND,

Conemaugh, Pa.